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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently amended) A method comprising:
characterizing colorimetric responses of display devices associated with source clients and destination clients by delivering a series of web pages to the source and destination clients that guide the clients through a color profiling process;
receiving color images from the source clients via a computer network;
modifying the color images based on the colorimetric responses of display devices associated with the source clients;
modifying the color images based on the colorimetric responses of display devices associated with the destination clients; and
communicating the modified color images to the destination clients via the computer network.

Claim 2 (Canceled)

Claim 3 (Original): The method of claim 1, further comprising modifying the color images at a network server, wherein the network server includes a web server, and the images are accessible via a web site served by the web server.

Claim 4 (Original): The method of claim 1, further comprising modifying the color images at a network server before communication of the color images to the destination clients.

Claim 5 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the source clients include auction sellers, the images represent auction items, and the destination clients include auction buyers.

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Claim 6 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the source clients include photographers, and the images represent photographs taken by the photographers.

Claim 7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Currently amended): The method of claim 17, wherein characterizing colorimetric responses of display devices associated with source clients and destination clients by delivering a series of web pages to the source and destination clients that guide the clients through a color profiling process further comprising comprises:

guiding the clients through the color profiling process by delivering a series of web pages to the clients;

generating web cookies for the clients containing information representing the results of the color profiling process; and

transmitting the web cookies to a network server for use in the modification of the color images.

Claim 9 (Currently amended): The method of claim 8, wherein the network server modifies the color images based on the contents of the web cookies.

Claim 10 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the network server resides on the World Wide Web, and the color images form parts of web pages received by the clients from the network server.

Claim 11 (Original): The method of claim 1, further comprising calculating a fee for each modified image.

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Claim 12 (Currently amended): The method of claim 11, further comprising:
permitting the source clients to specify whether the color images are to be modified; and
charging the fee to the source clients in the event modification of the color images is
specified.

Claim 13 (Currently amended): The method of claim 11, further comprising:
permitting the destination clients to specify whether the color images are to be modified;
and
charging the fee only in the event modification of the color images is specified.

Claim 14 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the source clients are auction
sellers, the images represent auction items, and the destination clients are auction buyers, the
method further comprising calculating a fee for each modified image, and charging the fee to one
or both of the source and destination clients involved in an auction sale.

Claim 15 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the source clients include auction
sellers, the images represent auction items, and the destination clients include auction buyers, the
method further comprising calculating, for each modified image, a fee based on a percentage of
the sales amount paid between source and destination clients involved in an auction sale, and
charging the fee to one or both of the source and destination clients involved in the auction sale.

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Claim 16 (Currently amended): A computer readable medium containing program code that causes a programmable processor to:

characterize colorimetric responses of display devices associated with source clients and destination clients by delivering a series of web pages to the source and destination clients that guide the clients through a color profiling process;

receive color images from the source clients via a computer network;
modify the color images based on the colorimetric responses of display devices associated with the source clients;

modify the color images based on the colorimetric responses of display devices associated with the destination clients; and

communicate the modified color images to destination clients via the computer network.

Claim 17 (Canceled).

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The computer readable medium of claim 16, wherein the images are accessible via a web site served by a network server.

Claim 19 (Original): The computer readable medium of claim 16, wherein the code causes the processor to modify the color images at a network server before communication of the color images to the destination clients.

Claim 20 (Original): The computer readable medium of claim 16, wherein the source clients are auction sellers, the images represent auction items, and the destination clients are auction buyers.

Claim 21 (Original): The computer readable medium of claim 16, wherein the source clients are photographers, and the images represent photographs taken by the photographers.

Claim 22 (Canceled).

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Claim 24 (Currently amended): The computer readable medium of claim 1622, wherein the color profiling process includes estimating a gamma for each of the display devices.

Claim 25 (Currently amended): The computer readable medium of claim 1622, wherein the code causes the processor to characterize colorimetric responses of display devices associated with source clients and destination clients by delivering a series of web pages to the source and destination clients that guide the clients through a color profiling process by:
 guide guiding the clients through the color profiling process by delivering a series of web pages to the clients;
 generate-generating web cookies for the clients containing information representing the results of the color profiling process; and
 transmitting the web cookies to a network server for use in the modification of the color images.

Claim 26 (Currently amended): The computer readable medium of claim 1622, wherein the code causes the processor to control a network server that modifies the color images based on content of the web cookies.

Claim 27 (Previously presented): The computer readable medium of claim 26, wherein the network server includes a color server that modifies the color images based on content of the web cookies.

Claim 28 (Original): The computer readable medium of claim 27, wherein the network server resides on the World Wide Web, and the color images form parts of web pages received by the clients from the network server.

Claim 29 (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 1622, wherein the code causes the processor to calculate a fee for each modified image.

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Claim 30 (Currently amended): The computer readable medium of claim 29, wherein the code causes the processor to:
permit the source clients to specify whether the color images are to be modified; and
charge the fee to the source clients in the event modification of the color images is specified.

Claim 31 (Currently amended): The computer readable medium of claim 1622, wherein the source clients are auction sellers, the images represent auction items, and the destination clients are auction buyers and the code causes the processor to calculate a fee for each modified image, and charge the fee to one or both of the source and destination clients involved in an auction sale.

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Claim 32 (Currently amended): The computer readable medium of claim 31, wherein the code causes the processor to:
permit the source clients to specify whether the color images are to be modified; and
charge charging the fee only in the event modification of the color images is specified.

Claim 33 (Currently amended): The computer readable medium of claim 31, wherein the code causes the processor to:
permit the destination clients to specify whether the color images are to be modified; and
charge charging the fee only in the event modification of the color images is specified.

Claim 34 (Currently amended): The computer readable medium of claim 1622, wherein the source clients are auction sellers, the images represent auction items, and the destination clients are auction buyers, and the code causes the processor to calculate, for each modified image, a fee based on a percentage of the sales amount paid between source and destination clients involved in an auction sale, and charge the fee to one or both of the source and destination clients involved in the auction sale.

Claim 35 (Currently amended): The computer readable medium of claim 1622, wherein the program code is contained both in physical data storage media and signals transmitted between the client and other resources on the computer network.

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Claim 36 (Currently amended): A system comprising:
a network server that receives color images from source clients and communicates the color images to destination clients;
a color profile server that guides the source and destination clients through a color profiling process to obtain information characterizing the colorimetric responses of the display devices associated with the source clients and destination clients, wherein the color profile server guides the source and destination clients through the color profiling process by delivering a series of web pages to the source and destination clients; and
a color image server that modifies the color images based on the colorimetric responses of display devices associated with the source clients and modifies the color images based on the colorimetric responses of display devices associated with the destination clients so that the color images sent to the destination clients are modified color images.

Claim 37 (Canceled)

Claim 38 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 36, wherein the network server includes a web server, and the images are accessible via a web site served by the web server.

Claim 39 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 36, wherein the color image server modifies the color images before communication of the color images to the destination clients.

Claim 40 (Original): The system of claim 36, wherein the source clients include auction sellers, the images represent auction items, and the destination clients include auction buyers.

Claim 41 (Original): The system of claim 36, wherein the source clients include photographers, and the images represent photographs taken by the photographers.

Claims 42-43 (Canceled).

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Claim 44 (Currently amended): The system of claim 36~~claim 42~~, wherein the color profiling server guides the clients through the color profiling process by delivering a series of web pages to the clients, and generates web cookies for the clients containing information representing the results of the color profiling process, the clients transmitting the web cookies to the network server.

Claim 45 (Previously presented): The system of claim 44, wherein the color image server modifies the color images based on content of the web cookies.

Claim 46 (Original): The system of claim 44, wherein the network server resides on the World Wide Web, and the color images form parts of web pages received by the clients from the network server.

Claim 47 (Original): The system of claim 36, further comprising a fee calculation module that calculates a fee for each modified image.

Claim 48 (Original): The system of claim 47, wherein the fee calculation module charges the fee to the source clients in the event modification of the color images is specified.

Claim 49 (Original): The system of claim 36, wherein the source clients are auction sellers, the images represent auction items, and the destination clients are auction buyers, the system further comprising a fee calculation module that calculates a fee for each modified image, and charges the fee to one or both of the source and destination clients involved in an auction sale.

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Claim 50 (Original): The system of claim 36, wherein the source clients are auction sellers, the images represent auction items, and the destination clients are auction buyers, the system further comprising a fee calculation module that calculates, for each modified image, a fee based on a percentage of the sales amount paid between source and destination clients involved in an auction sale, and charges the fee to one or both of the source and destination clients involved in the auction sale.

Claim 51 (Currently amended): A method comprising:

characterizing colorimetric responses of display devices associated with source clients and destination clients by delivering a series of web pages that guide the source and destination clients through a color profiling process;

receiving color images from the source clients via a computer network;

storing the color images at a network server that includes a web server, wherein the stored images are accessible via a web site maintained by the web server;

~~characterizing the colorimetric responses of display devices associated with the source clients and the destination clients by delivering a series of web pages that guide the source and destination clients through a color profiling process;~~

modifying the color images based on the colorimetric responses of the display devices associated with the source clients and the destination clients; and

communicating the modified color images to the destination clients that access the web site via the computer network.

Claim 52 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 51, further comprising modifying the color images at the network server before communication of the color images to the destination clients.

Claim 53 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 51, wherein the source clients include auction sellers, the images represent auction items, and the destination clients include auction buyers.

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Claim 54 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 51, wherein the source clients include photographers, and the images represent photographs taken by the photographers.

Claim 55 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 51, further comprising:
generating web cookies for the clients containing information representing the results of the color profiling process; and
transmitting the web cookies to a network server for use in the modification of the color images, wherein the network server modifies the color images based on the contents of the web cookie.

Claim 56 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 51, wherein the color images form parts of web pages received by the destination clients from the web server.

Claim 57 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 51, further comprising:
permitting the source clients to specify whether the color images are to be modified;
charging a fee to the source clients in the event modification of the color images is specified.

Claim 58 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 51, further comprising:
permitting the destination clients to specify whether the color images are to be modified;
charging a fee to the destination clients in the event modification of the color images is specified.

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Claim 59 (Currently Amended): A computer readable medium containing program code that causes a programmable processor to:

characterize colorimetric responses of display devices associated with source clients and destination clients by delivering a series of web pages that guide the source and destination clients through a color profiling process;

receive color images from the source clients via a computer network;

store the color images at a network server that includes a web server, wherein the stored images are accessible via a web site maintained by the web server;

~~characterize the colorimetric responses of display devices associated with the source clients and the destination clients by delivering a series of web pages that guide the source and destination clients through a color profiling process;~~

modify the color images based on the colorimetric responses of the display devices associated with the source clients and the destination clients; and

communicate the modified color images to destination clients that access the web site via the computer network.

Claim 60 (Previously Presented): The computer readable medium of claim 59, wherein the code causes the processor to modify the color images at a network server before communication of the color images to the destination clients.

Claim 61 (Previously Presented): The computer readable medium of claim 59, wherein the source clients are auction sellers, the images represent auction items, and the destination clients are auction buyers.

Claim 62 (Previously Presented): The computer readable medium of claim 59, wherein the source clients are photographers, and the images represent photographs taken by the photographers.

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Claim 63 (Previously Presented): The computer readable medium of claim 59, wherein the code causes the processor to:
generate web cookies for the clients containing information representing the results of the color profiling process; and
transmit the web cookies to a network server for use in the modification of the color images, wherein the code causes the processor to control the network server to modify the color images based on the contents of the web cookie.

Claim 64 (Previously Presented): The computer readable medium of claim 63, wherein the network server resides on the World Wide Web, and the color images form parts of web pages received by the clients from the network server.

Claim 65 (Previously Presented): The computer readable medium of claim 59, wherein the code causes the processor to:
permit the source clients to specify whether the color images are to be modified;
charge a fee to the source clients in the event modification of the color images is specified.

Claim 66 (Previously Presented): The computer readable medium of claim 59, wherein the code causes the processor to:
permit the destination clients to specify whether the color images are to be modified;
charging a fee in the event modification of the color images is specified.

Claim 67 (Previously Presented): The computer readable medium of claim 59, wherein the source clients are auction sellers, the images represent auction items, and the destination clients are auction buyers, and the code causes the processor to calculate, for each modified image, a fee based on a percentage of the sales amount paid between source and destination clients involved in an auction sale, and charge the fee to one or both of the source and destination clients involved in the auction sale.

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Claim 68 (Currently amended): A system comprising:
a color profiling server that characterizes colorimetric responses of display devices associated with source clients and destination clients by delivering a series of web pages that guide the source and destination clients through a color profiling process;
a network server that receives color images from the source clients via a computer network, stores the color images, and communicates the color images to destination clients via a web site accessed by the destination clients; and
~~a color profiling server that characterizes the colorimetric responses of display devices associated with the source clients and the destination clients by delivering a series of web pages that guide the source and destination clients through a color profiling process; and~~
a color image server that modifies the color images prior to communication to the destination clients based on the colorimetric responses of display devices associated with the source clients and colorimetric responses of display devices associated with the destination clients.

Claim 69 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 68, wherein the color image server modifies the color images before communication of the color images to the destination clients.

Claim 70 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 68, wherein the source clients include auction sellers, the images represent auction items, and the destination clients include auction buyers.

Claim 71 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 68, wherein the source clients include photographers, and the images represent photographs taken by the photographers.

Claim 72 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 68, wherein the color profiling server generates web cookies for the clients containing information representing the results of the color profiling process, the clients transmits the web cookies to the network server, and the color image server modifies the color images based on the contents of the web cookie.

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Claim 73 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 68, wherein the network server resides on the World Wide Web, and the color images form parts of web pages received by the clients from the network server.

Claim 74 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 36, further comprising a fee calculation module that calculates and charges a fee to the source clients in the event modification of the color images is specified.

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